

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 28-29, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(5), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A
TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM PROJECT
WAIVER 23-107**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Network Integration) component (PPNO CP033), in various counties, for the time period as described in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for the TIRCP (2018:27) SCORE (Network Integration) component (PPNO CP033), in various counties, for the time period as described in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2018, the Commission approved an allocation of \$10,000,000 in TIRCP funds to complete the Construction (CON) phase of the (2018:27) SCORE (Network Integration) component (PPNO CP033). The responsible agency has been unable to complete the component per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy. Current TIRCP Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project component requests a time extension if the project component will not be completed within the specified timeline. Under the TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months for each delivery milestone, where permissible by statute. The attachment describes the details of the project component and the explanation of the delay.

Attachment

*“Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that
serves all people and respects the environment.”*

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Southern California Regional Rail Authority
County: Various
District: 7
PPNO: CP033
Allocation Amount: \$10,000,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: October 18, 2018
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-1819-02
Number of Months Requested: 18 Months
Extended Deadline: December 31, 2024
Department Recommendation: Support

(2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Network Integration)

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) requests an 18-month time extension to complete the CON phase for the (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Network Integration) component, in various counties. SCRRA has experienced unexpected delays in completing the CON phase of this component.

In October 2018, the Commission approved \$10,000,000 to SCRRA to complete the CON phase of the Network Integration component. The awarded scope of work for the Network Integration component includes network-wide environmental and integration planning, development of integrated regular interval schedules and connections to other corridors, integration with statewide fleet planning, implementation planning to maximize greenhouse gas reduction benefits from each phase, and enhancement of AB 1550 benefits. There has been a delay in completing the developed scope due to SCRRA determining that further analysis and updates were needed for the SCRRA fleet management plan that will be incorporated into the network-wide integration planning study. The fleet management plan will examine how SCRRA's vehicle fleet is managed to maximize efficiency, decrease operational costs, and identify any potential operational issues. In addition, there have been ongoing discussions and negotiations related to the future use of the Fullerton Junction and Fullerton Station with BNSF, Amtrak, and California High-Speed Rail Authority. The outcome of these discussions and negotiations will be a new Shared User Agreement between all entities that use the tracks, which allows Metrolink services to operate on the BNSF Subdivision south of Los Angeles and must be agreed to amongst the interested entities with the introduction of future high-speed rail services prior to completion of the environmental planning work. As a result, SCRRA requires additional time to finalize the network-wide environmental and integration planning work, which

requires the completion of further analysis and updates for the fleet management plan and the execution of a new Shared User Agreement.

Therefore, SCRRA is requesting an 18-month time extension for the period of project completion of the CON phase from June 30, 2023 to December 31, 2024.